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1. Between 20 and 25 April 1953, no changes were observed in the strengths of troops in Plauen military post. Nor were there indications that the troops would soon move to the summer camp.

2. Between 20 and 25 April, 10 soldiers in the Hindenburg Kaserne engaged in maintenance duty on 2 x 57-mm AT guns, while other soldiers engaged in physical exercises in the eastern section of the billeting area. [REDACTED]

3. During the period of observation, about 20 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets were at maintenance duty on 5 x 76-mm field guns in the Kirchbach Kaserne. Other soldiers engaged in callisthenics in the billeting area. [REDACTED]

4. From 20 to 25 April, much training activity was noticed on the garrison drill grounds. From 160 to 180 soldiers, mostly with red-bordered black epaulets, engaged in combat training and, some groups, in the construction of field cables almost daily. Troops were daily at intensive rifle and machine gun firing on the garrison target ranges in Schneckengruen. Trucks [REDACTED] loaded with timber, drove toward the barracks installation from the direction of the garrison drill grounds.

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